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**From:** Gibbs John (ChW/CRI-M) [John.Gibbs@us.bosch.com]**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:14 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

Please do not pass a law that would put Boric Acid Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause **cancer**. Some are known to be a **reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage** are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of **these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone**.

I do not want to expose my family to this 8 hours a day just because some idiot want to smoke in bed.

Best regards

**Ric Gibbs**

**153 Mansfield Blvd**

**North Charleston SC 29418**

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**From:** Barbnavy@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:13 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am writing to object to the possible health risks to myself and my family by making chemical flame resistant mattresses. Since we spend over 8 hours a day sleeping on one - I strongly object to there being no optional to have NON treated mattresses. Please vote against this mandatory change to flame resistant mattresses.

Barbara Jones  
Wilmington, DE

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**From:** AngelaMyr8@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:08 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Re: LAW TO FIREPROOF MATTRESSES USING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS

I think it is wrong to put a law into affect that would force poeple (probably unknowingly for the most part) to spend their sleeping hours on top of a hotbed of chemicals that in other arenas have health warnings on them. So many people struggle with health issues already - why are we adding more to the pot? Under different circumstances, a person could be under suspicion of poisoning someone for the same act! Yet there is a law on the board that will make it ok? Please refuse to enact such a law that would put so many people at risk.

Angela Meyer

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**From:** Cheryl Lavornia [clavornia@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 1:07 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Matress NPR

stop the law that requires poison in our mattresses!

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**From:** Pamela Heggstad [pr67heg@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:52 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I must object to the passing of this law by which the government wishes to subject its 300 million citizens to chemicals of obvious adverse effects. Please consider that we need to keep our children safe from chemicals, especially our children who are already so sensitive to their environments and develop allergies, sickness and reduced ability to self-regulate their behaviors.

Please halt this bill--why rush in to disaster?

Pamela Heggstad  
3124 39th Avenue S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

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**From:** ldgennari@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:51 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I think the pending mattress legislation is a terrible risk to us all from an environmental standpoint and I sincerely hope that it does not move forward. If it does pass, my family would certainly never purchase a new mattress in this country and I know many others who feel the same. A very concerned consumer,  
Denise Pelletier

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**From:** Michelle M [she11edrake@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:48 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am strongly opposed to loading mattresses with additional chemicals.

Please consider fully testing this kind of exposure on willing subjects before forcing it on all of us. (Would you be willing to do the test? To have your children test this out?).

Sincerely,  
Michelle Elliott Murphy

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**From:** Missy Kratz [mkratz@knox.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:48 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To:  
Office of the Secretary  
Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Washington, DC 20207-0001

I agree that "**Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.**" Please stop this Mattress NPR law.

Melissa Kratz

3/11/2005

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**From:** Andrea [ampend@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:46 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses. As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. I find it appalling that this is even being considered! The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.  
Thank you,  
Andrea Pendergraff

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**From:** salexa@mcleodusa.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 12:35 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flameproof mattresses!

To whom it may concern, I wish to register my objection to the proposed law to flameproof mattresses. I refer you to NEWSWEEK magazine, dated February 28, 2005 with Babies and Autism being the cover story. Much is said about the effort to try to find out when this disorder and others that are affecting our children in greater numbers begins. Much is said regarding the toxins in our environment as being a contributing factor. A pittance is spent on this research in comparison to amounts spent on AIDS and when you consider that our children and grandchildren are the innocent victims as opposed to someone who has perhaps brought the ailment on themselves, it seems grossly unfair.

Therefore, to add flameproofing of mattresses seems to be plainly ridiculous.

Shirley Alexander  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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**From:** Dan Martin [danom@sherbtl.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:56 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Please DO NOT put these chemicals in the mattresses to make them flame retardant. My son is highly sensitive to fragrances and chemicals that I shudder at the thought of him having to sleep on such a surface. Do not poison our beds because of a much smaller percentage that it may help. What's next? The construction industry building homes out of metal?  
Becky

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**From:** Michael Blackstone [kidsandroses@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:28 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** proposed law to require flame retardent on mattresses

Regarding the proposed law to require flame retardent on mattresses, I am adamantly AGAINST it. Please do NOT support this law. My family chooses to live as organically as possible, and I do not appreciate being mandated to sleep in chemicals every night, when that becomes the only type of mattress available. Please, at the very least, make it OPTIONAL to purchase a flame retardent mattress. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike and Jennifer Blackstone  
Monticello, MN

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**From:** Renée Murray [reneeamurray@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:15 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Cc:** 'Shula Edelkind'  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

As the mother and father of 4 small children (ages 8, 6, 4 and 21 mos), we urge you to rethink your decision to enact a law that will approve adding chemicals to the one place where our children are free from the environmental toxins they encounter on a daily basis. WE treasure the escape our children have when they are sleeping like angels in there safe beds. We take all precautions to keep our home safe and yes, a fire would be tragic. However, in our opinion a daily regime of sleeping for 8 - 12 hours on a toxic mattress seems more of a tragedy.

In light of the information below.....we urge you to NOT pass this law.

Many of these chemicals cause **cancer**. Some are known to be a **reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage** are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of **these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone**.

If our government guesses correctly, that it is safe for everyone to sleep in these chemicals, we may save up to 300 people from fire. However, our exposure in mattresses is intimate and chronic. **If they are wrong**, and they have been wrong in the past, they could harm or kill up to 300 million people. All of us sleep on a mattress. **The risk is huge**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,  
Renee & John Murray, Denver CO

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**From:** MAlsaigh@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 11:14 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame proof mattresses

Dear Commission Members:

I am greatly concerned about the chemical exposure that fire retardent mattresses will create for my children and grandchildren. To have the poison dust inside the padding where it can be fluffed and breathed or land on exposed skin and absorbed by the body is scary. Children and adults are already exposed to too many chemicals. We Do Not Need to have Fire retardent mattresses on every bed. We only need to educate people on the safety of matches, candles, lighters, etc. Please do not make this a nation wide law. Thanks for your consideration. Sincerely, Nellie J. Al-Saigh, [malsaigh@aol.com](mailto:malsaigh@aol.com) 3133 Cofer Road Falls Church, Virginia 22042

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**From:** Linda [ljfrench@optonline.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:23 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame Proofing Mattresses

I am writing to say that I am strongly against the proposal to flameproof mattresses. If people smoke in bed, they are obviously not that concerned about safety or health. It is unfair to make the rest of the population be subjected to more chemicals because of the recklessness of a small group. This is another instance of not requiring people to be responsible for their own behavior and the consequences of same.

Please do not allow the flameproofing of mattresses. It risks the health of the many to protect the few who do not bother to protect themselves.

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**From:** Jackson Family [hsmom3@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:21 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

**Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.**

**I will sleep on the floor the rest of my life if I ever have to buy a mattress filled with those poisons for myself, my children, or my grandchildren. I am astounded that the US government would allow such an abuse on the American people. Have we learned nothing in the last few decades. These chemicals kill millions of people, injury millions, and we turn a blind eye as the number of cancer victims increases exponentially year after year. We hear of study after study that are inconclusive as to what is causing such high numbers of ADD, ADHD, autism, etc. Can the government only see dollars when they decide legislature? I demand that this law be vetoed in the government I elected. We the people hire you, and we the people demand you be accountable. Hear our united voices screaming no to pass this harmful law.**

Patricia Tobar  
mom to 3 home learners

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**From:** Mary Beth Williams [m.b.williams@allvantage.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:16 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** RE:Mattress NPR

To whom it may concern:

I would like to register my opposition to the idea of requiring all mattresses in the US to contain flame retardant chemicals without testing them first for health. I am an RN/BSN and having worked with cancer patients for a number of years, I am familiar with some of the effects of chemicals on people's health.

As a nonsmoking adult in a nonsmoking household, we have very little reason to use such items. I don't even purchase flame retardant clothing for my children because of their skin sensitivities to chemicals. I do not use any kind of formaldehyde treatment on my furniture or carpeting because of my youngest son developing pneumonia immediately after having the carpet in his room treated to resist stains. He has asthma.

It seems a huge risk for the nation, when fewer and fewer people are smoking, and so few fires are caused by smoking any more. More people die from the results of smoke inhalation than actually getting burned.

I am opposed to the introduction of more chemicals into our environment and I am opposed to the idea of bringing more chemicals into my home. I find it completely unacceptable, and I hope that you will reconsider your plans and actions on this issue. Mary Beth Williams

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**From:** JOHN [johndarud186@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:01 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** MATTRESS REGULATIONS

I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER MY DISAPPROVAL OF THE INTENT TO INCLUDE FLAME RETARDENT AND ROACH POWDER IN MATTRESSES.

I FEEL MORE TESTING NEEDS TO BE DONE AND I WILL TAKE STEPS TO VOTE AGAINST ANY SUCH REGULATION.

I WILL ALSO SEEK OUT ANY OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE.

THANK YOU, CARL APPLEQUIST

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**From:** G055563@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 10:02 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am very sensitive to pesticides and many other chemicals. A mattress that contains such chemicals would very soon KILL ME. I do not want to have to purchase a mattress or anything else that would make me sick. My children and grandchildren would also be in danger from these chemicals. Are we trying to make man extinct? There are so many chemicals already in our environment.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Palmer

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**From:** Ted Putnam [tputnam@rsimail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 9:52 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Stop the law - the benefit of adding dangerous chemicals to mattresses is not worth the damages that may result to our health!

Stop the Law - we don't need poison in our beds!

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**From:** ginalc@att.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:58 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,

Gina Conrad

12128 NW 130th Ct.

Madrid, IA 50156

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**From:** Barbara Hannold [bhannold@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:43 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

I have just read an article about a new law proposing that requires dangerous flame retardant chemicals to be added to mattresses to make them flame proof. It will be Antimony Oxide (linked to cancer, liver, and heart damage) and Boric Acid (a pesticide that is poison to humans, and the EPA links it to sterility, fetal death, and birth defects).

If this is true, than **I OPPOSE IT!** My son and I are very sensitive to many things including perfumes, household chemicals, and allergens. If this law is passed, then we will be sleeping on and breathing in a known cancer causing agent for 8 hours every day when we replace our mattresses.

Do not poison the masses! Did we learn nothing from the asbestos fiasco? Chemicals should not be **forced** on the American public!

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Hannold  
concerned mother of 2

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**From:** Holly Michael [hjmichael@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:16 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Dear CPSC

While mattresses are fire hazards without flame retardant, I believe the addition of flame retardant to bedding is not worth the long-term every day health risks I, my family, and the general population would encounter from sleeping on and breathing flame retardant chemicals. The added every day risks would negate any protection the chemical's presence would have in a fire situation that will never occur to the majority of the people.

Please do not make it a requirement for all mattresses to have flame retardant.

Sincerely,

Holly Michael

[hjmichael@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hjmichael@sbcglobal.net)

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**From:** p s goodman [goodgroup@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:12 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress NPR

Please do not force me to expose my children to any more chemicals! My 3 year old son already has an overload of antimony in his little body as well as many other toxic metals. The law requiring more chemicals in bedding is ridiculous. If it goes through, several years from now, you will be paying the price of forcing these chemicals into children. The rates of developmental problems and allergies and other issues among children has already skyrocketed due to the environment to which they are exposed. Please do not allow this to become another issue like asbestos, lead or cigarette that claims to be safe, but forces many people suffer before the dangers are defined.

Thank you,  
Stephanie Goodman

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**From:** july81971 [july81971@sbcglobal.net]**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:08 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am writing in outrage at the thought of being unable to procure a mattress that is not free of toxic chemicals! How dare you assume these chemicals are safe for all people? How dare you make the people of the United States a guinea pig for your little experiment?! People who are stupid enough to smoke in bed deserve to burn in it! We don't want to be exposed to their cigarette smoke any more than we want to sleep in and inhale and absorb through contact all the toxic chemicals you are proposing to add to my sleeping environment! Some of these chemicals are known and proven carcinogens, some have been proven to cause prenatal morbidity, birth defects, and impaired fertility! So to "save" a few idiots from themselves you are planning to force your toxic chemicals into MY bedroom? No thanks! I'll be buying my mattresses in Canada if this passes. Please stop this campaign and allow the people of the US to practice their own common sense instead of having shoved down their throats like little children.

Thank you for your time.

Dawnn Walters  
2050 Woodland Pass  
Burton, MI 48519

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**From:** Barbara Antonoplos [superwoman50@earthlink.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:56 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** No chemicals in mattresses!

I am strongly opposed to using additional flame-retardant chemicals in mattresses. The danger of this unproven use of chemicals is a far greater health hazard than the possibility of a burning mattress.

Barbara Antonoplos  
superwoman50@earthlink.net  
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

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**From:** Michelle Borodinsky [mic2les@starpower.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 7:35 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Proposed law to fireproof mattresses

To all concerned,

I am seriously concerned about the lack of common sense involved in the push to put through a proposed law to flameproof mattresses and add an unacceptable amount of chemical exposure to our lives without any personal choice. I will have myself and my family sleep on the floor before I allow ourselves to be subjected to this danger! Please do not allow this law to pass. If fire is a major concern, then promote the use of fire alarms. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle Borodinsky, R.N.

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**From:** Eileen Thiessen [eileen@chemicalgraphics.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:59 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Hello cpsc-os,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,

Eileen Thiessen                      <mailto:eileen@chemicalgraphics.com>

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**From:** Denise Dorothy [denised@toledotel.com]**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:52 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Mattress NPR

## Maybe I should write a book called, "Smoking for Dummies".

If some idiot chooses to light a cigarette in bed and then proceeds to fall asleep, then they deserve what they get!!!!!!!!!!!! I mean come on think about how many more people will be at risk if all of our mattresses have chemicals added to them. Boric Acid (Roach Killer) Formaldehyde, Melamine, Anitomy Trioxide, Vinylidience Chloride, Zink Borate and Decabromodiphenyl. MANY OF THESE CHEMICALS CAUSE CANCER!!!! These are toxins that can lead to high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, Kidney, brain and heart muscle damage. I can only imagine all of the law suits to come. I for one will NEVER buy another mattress for myself or my children. We would be better off sleeping on the floor.

Denise Dorothy

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**From:** Christopher Strickland [c.strickland@hughessupply.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:44 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Don't Allow Unnecessary Chemicals in Mattresses

I think the federal and local governments should oppose the law that allows mattress manufacturers to add chemicals to mattresses for flame-proofing and other purposes, especially when there is no proof that these chemicals have been tested for safety.

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**From:** Melanie [melaniee@dslextreme.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:38 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,  
Melanie Ingler

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**From:** Kori Strickland [hi2kori2@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:28 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** comment

Are you insane????? What are parents to do with children whom already have severe allergies and have to order special beds without the normal contents in mattresses? I would risk sleeping on air mattress before purchasing any new beds to risk my family of the potential of cancer.

I strongly oppose this law especially with the amount of lack of research. It should be a consumer's choice to purchase such a product. Besides most fire related deaths do not result from a mattress. If someone chooses to light up in bed, then that is the consequence they pay. Why should non smokers have to endure from others poor choices and stupidity?

Purchasing a fire retardant mattress should be a consumers choice , and not a law!

Kori Strickland,  
Orlando Florida

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**From:** Nancy Entreken [nancyentreken@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:13 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Stop the Fireproofing of bedding and furniture

The mattress and upholstered furniture with fireproofing makes me extremely sick. It took me 4 years to find enough materials to make a couch. It takes a small act of God and tons of money to buy a mattress without fireproofing.

Those chemicals are so toxic that I can not even go into someone's house because of their furniture.

Let's be honest about this. It isn't going to make a difference if the house is burning down. The government cannot save people from disasters with toxic flameproofing. But, they can improve the quality of our air by keeping the addition a chemicals to a minimum.

Thank You,  
Nancy Entreken  
41227 N. Laurel Valley Ct.  
Anthem, AZ 85086  
Ph:623-363-1345

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**From:** Bonnie Hardman [bonita30@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:09 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** new mattress law

i am going to comment on roach powder being put into our mattresses, i will not tolerate it, i have 3 children and severe allergies if something happens to me and my children, it will be rest assured my family will sue the hell out of who ever they need to. this is an outrage and very unhealthy, you say all this stuff about keeping people

healthy, then you want to put things to kill people into our everyday supplies, this is bull crap.

**I DO**

**NOT WANT ROACH POWDER  
IN MY MATTRESS OR MY  
CHILDRENS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**VOTE NO**

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**From:** Venita Garner [nitagarner@charter.net]**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 6:00 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** mattress NPR

I ask that you not enact the fire safe mattress law on a national level. I have no desire to sleep on a product made with toxic chemicals and I am not too keen on my children doing the same.

To meet this law, mattress manufacturers have to use toxic chemicals and that is not right. It's like 6 of one and 1/2 dozen of another. To save a few, you'll happily risk the health of the masses. I think there are more than enough stupid laws and the CPSC is at the head. Just leave things alone and stop risking so much.

Venita Garner

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**From:** hagen333@netzero.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 5:21 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

As a person who is chemically sensitive and a grandmother concerned for her children and grandchildren I ask you to please not pass any laws requiring chemical treatment of mattresses. It is to no one's benefit to inhale toxic chemicals. Thank you, Sincerely,  
M Hagen

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**From:** Susan Hills [susanhills@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 5:20 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame resistant mattresses

I do not want my family, or any one else's, to have to sleep on mattresses treated with chemicals. PLEASE do not allow this law to be passed!

Susan Hills

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**From:** Barbara Meade [hugw7ls@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 5:15 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Dear Sir or Madam:

The idea of putting flame retardant chemicals in mattresses is a ridiculous notion. Boric acid, Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zink Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide are all harmful to people when it's breathed in or absorbed through the skin. This is a viable risk for millions of people for the sake of few people's stupidity? Please rescind this order. This is not something I want to expose myself or my children to any more than already happens in everyday living. It's not worth the risk. Please reconsider.

Barb Meade  
Elizabeth, Colorado  
[hugw7ls@earthlink.net](mailto:hugw7ls@earthlink.net)

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**From:** cjt2202 [cjt2202@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2005 4:18 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame retardant bedding

Please give consumers the choice of flame retardant or non-retardant bedding. My allergies to numerous common chemicals make it impossible to sleep on a treated mattress. I can protect myself and family from fire just fine with smoke detectors and common sense! Thanks, R. Townsend

  
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**From:** Giulia Pagano [gopagano@yahoo.com]**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 3:18 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I do not think think the potential saving of human lives by increasing the flameproofing requirements of mattresses warrants the potential risks to human lives by enacting such a law. We are better able to take care of ourselves than you are. Don't experiment on us. You don't yet know the ramifications of long term exposure to these additional chemicals. Until you do, keep them out of our bedrooms, thank you.

Sincerely,

Giulia Pagano  
Columbus, NC

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*Matthews*

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**From:** Kerri Kosse [kkosse@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 3:17 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not mandate all mattresses have the flame retardent chemicals. Those of us with chemical sensitivities will never be able to buy a new mattress.

Perhaps mattresses with these chemicals could be made available for those who smoke or those who voluntarily choose such.

Forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Kerri Kosse

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**From:** Miriam Weber [mwebernmd@dakotacom.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 2:57 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** (no subject)

To Whom this may concern:

the last time we purchased a regular mattress, both my husband and I developed flu-like symptoms after sleepin on it for two nights. After airing it out for a year it was then usable.

I have asthma. I can't handle high chemical loads.

Please don't add more chemicals to mattresses. If you do, you may help the family of the person who choses to smoke in bed, but my family will be sleeping on the floor. There are lots of us who get sick from too many chemical. The thought of sleeping with my nose to such a mattress for 8 hours a day is terrible.

Sincerely,

Miriam Weber  
1028 W. Alameda St  
Tucson, AZ 85745

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**From:** CyberGlobe@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 3:05 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To Consumer Product Safety Commissioner:

Re: Mattress NPR

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Barbara Waldman

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**From:** R.B. Womer [rwomer@mail.med.upenn.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 11:13 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

Dear CPSC,

As a pediatrician and as the father of two chemically sensitive children, I am alarmed to learn of the proposed new fire retardant standards for mattresses.

It would seem that the risk/benefit ratio is severely out of balance, given the small number of deaths the new standards would prevent and the huge exposure of the public to the necessary chemicals. Indeed, giving each new mattress purchaser a new smoke alarm for their bedrooms would be an easier, cheaper, more effective, and less toxic alternative.

I urge you to reject this new standard.

Sincerely yours,

Richard B. Womer, M.D.

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**From:** Libby Shinolt [shinolt@seidata.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 11:42 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattress protection

Dear Sirs,

I hope that you do not allow manufacturers to add Boric Acid and other chemicals to mattresses to reduce flammability. I am highly sensitive to many chemicals and it has affected me physically, mentally, and emotionally. I have celiac disease and also anaphylaxis related to food and chemicals. This is a life threatening problem. My family also proves to be highly allergic to such. If you add this to mattresses we will suffer greatly. Many people, like me, may indeed be in fear of our lives. Let's teach children and adults not to smoke in bed and show them the results. Don't cater to those who make poor choices. Target the source. Thanks

Libby Shinolt RN  
1885 W CR 300 N  
North Vernon, IN 47265

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**From:** MELINDA HONN [melhonn@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 12:20 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame proof mattress law

Please! Do not coat our mattresses with any more chemicals. There are 11,000,000 people in the U.S. with chemical sensitivities, 45,000,000 suffer from migraines, and an untold amount of adults and children have asthma....just to name a few conditions that are worsened by chemical exposure. All this so that a few people can smoke in bed without burning up. For those of us with chemical sensitivities it means the difference in being able to sleep on a normal bed and having to make our own or do without. Where will the chemical madness end. Let's let it be here and now.

Melinda Honn

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**From:** sheila messing [srmessing@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 12:41 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattresses npr

Please don't add any more chemicals to our lives! We don't need other people constantly deciding what is best for us. We can make those decisions ourselves. Leave mattresses alone - most people don't smoke in bed. THose that do can continue to be free to make that choice, but we shouldn't have to suffer because of that.

Sheila Messing

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*Marshall*

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**From:** jalann Marshall [ktmjcm@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 1:54 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** No Roach killer powder for me!

I am Completely against having to pay with my health, for someones stupidity of smoking in bed!

I am against the roach-powder for a flame retardant in the future mattress sets I may purchase, just because of a few "retarded" individuals, who insist on smoking before going to sleep!!!

Sincerely,

Someone with a tiny-bit more common sense that that!!!

Jalann Marshall

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**From:** Blcadd@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 7:33 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed law to require the use of potentially harmful chemical compounds to flameproof mattresses.

As a consumer, I do not give you my consent to participate in what is essentially an experiment on over 300 million consumers. It is poor science and insane public policy to subject millions of Americans to this insufficiently researched risk when the most optimistic outcome is that 300 lives might be saved. The possible benefit does not justify the risk.

Please remember that the mission of the CPSC is to protect consumers; please protect us by keeping our mattresses safe from potentially toxic chemicals.

Thank you,  
Lori Caddoo

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**From:** Elizabeth Ziebarth [erziebar@ties2.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 4:06 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Flame retardant on mattresses

If it becomes mandatory for all mattresses to be treated to retard flames, those of us who do not smoke and have allergies will be bearing the brunt of a law meant to protect people who are doing two things they choose to do which is very hazardous to themselves. First they CHOOSE to smoke which they have been told for over forty years that this is hazardous to their health. Second, they CHOOSE to smoke in bed which anyone with any intelligence knows is hazardous. You are merely shifting the hazardous to those who choose not to do these hazardous things.

Elizabeth Ziebarth

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**From:** carynmartinez@lycos.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 2:31 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Don't force people to sleep on a pile of toxins!

It's hard enough for people who are chemically sensitive to find a mattress that doesn't make them sick. To read that the government might mandate mattress flameproofing that would add a whole spice rack of toxic chemicals including formaldehyde (!) is like a nightmare. What do I do then? Buy a mattress from Europe?

And how many people won't know that their new neurological problems, or those of their children, are caused by the substances with which they are getting up close and personal every night?

Mattress flame-retardants could save about 300 people a year, the majority of whom, sad to say, will die of cancer anyway, because what's the number one reason mattresses go up in flames? Smoking in bed!

On the other hand, mattress flame-retardants could poison THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES. You don't really know if these chemicals are safe for lengthy nightly exposure, do you?

I don't consent to be the subject of a medical experiment! I oppose the law, and I have been told to send my comment directly to the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

Caryn Martinez  
2553 E. Edgewood Avenue  
Mesa, Arizona 85204  
480.926.7755

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**From:** Cynthia Preston [whatsreal@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 1:22 AM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern,

I believe this measure is harmful to me and my family, is not warranted. I believe that the forced inclusion of these chemicals constitutes a human experiment without consent.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS LAW AS TOTALLY UNNECESSARY and DANGEROUS!! Please reconsider and permit American to decide for themselves whether to CHOOSE this protection and not have it forced down our throats. This appears to please only chemical companies and the manufacturers who will increase their profits.

Thank you for your consideration of the true safety Americans. Sincerely Cynthia Preston  
whatsreal@msn.com

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**From:** Lisa Berenson-Camera [boomboom19@optonline.net]

**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 1:17 AM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** re: mattress law

To whom it may concern,

I am very against this proposal the chemicals used to flame proof a mattress are very poisonous! I have two children who have enough problems with allergies I am very against what is being proposed in this bill. I use organic whole foods to feed my children and non processed food how dare you even think of proposing a bill using these chemicals to fireproof a mattress the harm done from this will not even come close to saving lives as you think it will! We the people are the ones who you are working for and pay your salaries. If this is the best you can come up with well then your fired!!! Saving lives to slowly kill others from chemical poisoning is not the solution. I don't want this bill passed.

Lisa Berenson-Camera  
183 Long clove road  
New city, N.Y 10956

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March 11, 2005

Todd Stevenson, director  
Office of the Secretary  
United States Consumer Products Safety Commission  
Washington, D.C.

Mattress NPR

Dear Mr. Stevenson,

I am very concerned about the possibility of exposure to unsafe chemicals from the new California mattress fire law. I understand that your commission is being pressured to adopt the same regulations on the federal level.

After the "fire safety" laws regarding mattresses and children's sleepwear that were passed in the 1970s, we ended up with chemicals used in those products that are now known to cause cancers. I did have to get a doctor's prescription and have a mattress specially made in order to avoid the chemicals, but it is a big hassle and not something that very many people will do. Most people will not have any idea that they are being exposed to chemicals which may be hazardous to their health. Most people, unfortunately, still have the mistaken belief that their government protects them from dangerous chemicals in something so ordinary and necessary as the mattress to which they, and their infants and children, are exposed for many hours of their lives.

Even the man who originally pushed for the legislation in California is criticizing the California law and the push for a similar federal law based upon concerns about the toxicity of fire resistant chemicals that manufacturers will or may be using. Even if manufacturers are forced to list them on the labels (which is not now the case), many consumers will still assume that they are safe and that their governments are protecting them.

I strongly urge you NOT to recommend a federal fire safety law at this time. We know too little about the effects of the chemicals that will be used to implement this law. We are exposing our entire population to unknown risks in order to have a possible effect upon an extremely small number of people.

Thank you.

Jeannette Grant  
PO Box 335  
Occidental, CA 95465

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**From:** Linda Stephenson [moonpie@bsafemail.com]**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 11:34 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Toxic Bedding

Why in the world are you allowing this! This is crazy! If my information is wrong I will stand corrected, but this concept to add chemical poison to our bedding is ridiculous! Do you not see the correlation between our healthcare and the rise in cancer and other diseases due to the fact that we do ridiculous thing like add these chemicals to our bedding? This is infuriating! Why is this not studied before it is introduced? People who smoke in bed are their own risk. But to put my life and my family at risk due to a few irresponsible people is wrong. I want children protected as much as anyone and the should have safe bedding, but the increase of childhood diseases and cancers are far more numerous and we need to consider "WHY". I want my vote heard and ask this process to be stopped. I am politically conservative but this type of government needs to be changed.

**Linda Stephenson**  
**moonpie@bsafemail.com**

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**From:** Menapace [l.menapace@comcast.net]**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 11:48 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

Dear Madam or Sir;

We are writing to voice our concern & opposition to the proposed law for making flameproof mattresses that is being considered. We understand the need for fire safety, however we cannot support the plan for the chemicals that are being suggested for use on mattresses. We do *not* wish to have ourselves and our family exposed to these harsh & potentially carcinogenic chemicals for 8-10 hours every night for years. The risks are too great. Our daughter is sensitive to various chemicals and we are vigilant to keep them away from her. We do not want to have to worry about yet another avenue for harsh chemicals entering our home and potentially making us ill. Please stop this proposed law.

Sincerely,  
Leon & Dolores Menapace

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**From:** Ashley A. Clark [anniej83@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 11:03 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Potential Spam: NO Borax in our mattresses

Please take this letter as my family's way of telling you that we do not want Borax or any other poisonous chemicals in our mattresses. I understand the importance of flame retardent mattresses, but not at the expense of our health. We are going to be lying in this stuff and breathing it in, hour after hour, every night. That cannot be good for our health.

Please forward this to the appropriate parties to make our voice heard.

Thank you.

Ashley Clark  
631.727.9637

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**From:** awoodworks@charter.net  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 11:01 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame proof mattresses

Please understand why I am opposed to these chemicals going into something that is an everyday household object. These chemicals are harmful to everyone, especially sensitive children who have no say in the purchase of their bedding. Instruction on prevention should be priority. The risks far outweigh the benefits. Please consider the opinion of a concerned mother.

Sincerely,

Michelle A. Haggerty RN  
607 Jacobus Rd  
Edgerton, WI 53534  
responldr@charter.net

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**From:** JamelleL77@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 10:49 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To the Consumer Protection Agency: I strongly oppose the inclusion of additional flame retardant chemicals in mattresses. About a year ago, there was a flurry of news reports about the high level of contaminants in American women's breastmilk. One of these contaminants of concern was flame retardant. Flame retardant chemicals are NOT benign. Please do not force millions of Americans to these harmful chemicals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jamelle Lyons  
120 Willow St.  
Fall River, MA

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**From:** dugganfamily@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 10:44 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

To Whom It May Concern:

I am shocked to think that such a hideous idea is being passed off as good for consumers! I would like to think I have a choice of sleeping in poison or not! I don't use any sort of pesticides anywhere in or near my home and don't want to be forced into having them included in my bedding!

I also chose not to use flame-retardent clothing for my children I don't think extra chemicals are good being next to their skin!

Please DO NOT pass this law! I have two small children who also happen to sleep on occasion ;- ) and I would not want to put their health (as well as my husband's and mine) at risk!

Sincerely,

Shelly R. Duggan

A very concerned parent!

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**From:** Janice Carr [macrogy psy@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 10:30 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Flame Retard Mattresses

Please do not pass any legislation to put more toxic chemicals into our homes; ie, flame retard mattresses. As one of the super-sensitive individuals on the planet, I am against the use of toxic chemicals in home furnishings and building materials. Thank you.

Janice Carr

Tucson AZ

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**From:** Jeanie Marion [njmarion@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 11:03 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** No Flame Retardant Mattresses

Please do not require mattresses to be flame retardant!!

I have been unable to work for several years now due to sensitivities caused by years of daily chemical exposures in my workplace (from ordinary office equipment, cleaning products, new paint and carpets, secondhand smoke, and other people's excessive fragrances) and I have difficulty finding bedding that I can tolerate as it is. If all mattresses are required to be flame retardant I will be unable to purchase a new mattress when my old one wears out.

We are already exposed to excessive chemicals in our everyday environment, and we spend up to eight hours daily in bed. I have a smoke detector. I do not want or need a flame retardant in my mattress.

Remember that at one time secondhand smoke was thought to be harmless.

Jeanie Marion

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**From:** Sherri Hastings [ramblin12@earthlink.net]**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 9:33 PM**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I am concerned about the proposal to treat require every new mattress in the United States with untested chemicals in order to make the mattress flame retardant. I realize that this could save an average of 300 lives a year, but how many lives are you putting in jeopardy by making people sleep on and inhale these chemicals that are already know to cause cancer, sterility, birth defects, etc. What about people who are chemically sensitive? I try to limit my children's exposure to harmful chemicals, which is very hard to do in this day and age. I'm especially concerned about my daughter, who is very sensitive to chemicals in the food she eats and the air that she breathes. What studies have been done to test these new mattresses on humans? Or are you just going to use the entire U.S. population as study subjects?

I realize using these chemicals could save some lives, but so could banning cars (or knives, or swimming pools, or bicycles ...). Please consider the detrimental effects this could have on us.

Sherri Hastings  
Lexington Park, MD

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**From:** Julie Soileau [iloveherbs@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 9:24 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Borax in new mattresses

To whom it may concern,

Please stop this law about "fireproofing" mattresses. All this will do is make more people sick with this poison. Personally I, along with a lot of other people are trying to improve their health and by putting a substance that is a known chemical that kills roachs and other insects in mattresses that you and I know people buy, is a crime. It's putting innocent people in jeopardy! Would you want **your** children, grandchildren, spouse, sibling or other loved ones to be in danger of getting a life threatening disease just to try and protect others that possible smoke in bed? It's **not** worth it in my humble opinion! If this law passes, we may have to regress and go back to having straw filled or down filled mattresses so we can be healthy!

Sincerely,  
Julie Soileau

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**From:** Juliana Boros [jlb\_bookkeeping@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 6:47 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Roach Killer Powder

This is a no brainer to me, but for you I don't know if it is. I just hope you don't want any of your children to sleep in poison. Nor do I.

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**From:** Donna Mills [dinomills7@elmore.rr.com]

**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 6:30 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

I THINK YOU NEED TO DO MORE TESTING ON THIS BEFORE YOU CAHNGE MATTRESSES.  
THENUMBERS DON'T ADD UP!!!! TO SAVE 300 YOU WILL RISK 300 MILLION. I DON'T THINK SO.

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**From:** Elizabeth Jordan [LIZJORD53@peoplepc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 5:39 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** fire retardant

Dear Sirs,

This is sent to protest upcoming legislation concerning mandatory fire retardant in mattresses. There are already products available at the request of the consumer that will create the same effect. Many people today are looking for more natural and healthy bedding (and other products) and are trying to steer clear of chemicals and man made fibers.

More legislation is not needed nor wanted in manufacturing, not to mention the increased prices in an already burdened economy. Please re-think this one, it's not needed. Liz Jordan-Whitfield Owner Mattress Outlet 303-651-9080

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**From:** rabreiter@juno.com  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 4:53 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flame proofing mattresses

To Whom it May Concern:

Requiring that mattresses be treated with boric acid and other poisons before conclusive studies on the toxicity of these compounds relative to the risks of fire deaths is experimenting on humans without consent.

I object to this regulation.

Sincerely,  
Regina Reiter  
1359 Carter Rd.  
Atlanta, GA 30030

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**From:** Randy Kayser [randybethmo@postoffice.igalaxy.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 4:37 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

I think this is ridiculous... why don't you do something a little more worthwhile like take matches or cigarettes away? Forget this idea to 'protect' us... You should promote a little more common sense...make the consumer more responsible for their own actions...

This is what our problem is today...a couple of bad apples doesn't have to ruin life for the rest of us!

GEESH!

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Sent via the WebMail system at postoffice.igalaxy.net

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**From:** Donna Kruck [DonnaK@abil.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2005 3:48 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress- NPR

I am writing to oppose mandating flame retardant in mattresses. Most cases of mattresses catching on fire are due to people smoking in bed. People who chose not to smoke do so for their health. Please don't make non-smokers lie in beds that are full of chemicals that make them not just flameproof, but subject them to toxic exposure. This will cost consumers more in money and health risk. Consumers spend 1/3 of their life laying on beds where they can get repeated exposure to toxins if the mattresses are treated with them. Flame retardants ARE toxins to the human body. Please let me know the outcome on this issue. Thank you, Donna Kruck 915 W. 19th St. Tempe, AZ 95281

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To Consumer Product Safety Commissioner:

Re: Mattress NPR

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Barbara Waldman  
429 Redwood Trail  
Canton, Ga 30114

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**From:** Janet Weir [jweir6@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2005 9:45 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** LAW TO FLAME-RETARD MATTRESSES

Someone(s) in Congress MUST wake up and recognize the many, many, many thousands of chemically sensitive people in America. I am one. I was born in 1940, chemically free. Over the years America's industry has added this chemical and that chemical to nearly every product on the market. These products off-gas their chemical toxins.

As a single Mom, with a dead beat former husband, I worked very, very hard (sometimes 3 jobs) to raise my two girls, put myself through college, and obtain a professional job. I so looked forward to retirement when finally it was going to be "my turn." My turn to enjoy many of the pleasures I couldn't afford or didn't have time for over the years. Finally the butterfly in me would fly. I would see Ireland, I would volunteer, I would paint, I would work in my flower garden, I would....

WRONG I got to do NONE of these treasured dreams. Due to chemical sensitivities from American products and environment I had to retire IMMEDIATELY about two years early. I am chemically sensitive. I live, if that's what it is called, in a 950 sq foot mobile, with 3 hospital quality air filters, just so I can breathe. My car has a portable air filter. I have 6 or 7 medical appointments weekly just to "live." My liver can no longer process out America's toxins. I "live" either at my doctor's or in my mobile. That's my life. Friends help me financially so I can survive. The debt is overwhelming.

I can't go anyplace that's not environmental free of all toxins. I can't eat nor wear anything unless it's free of all toxins. I can't have anything in my mobile that's not toxin free, including my mattress. I refer to the proposed law regarding FLAME-RETARD MATTRESSES. American put me in the state of health, now American must do what's right and not bring more toxic products on the market. In addition by bringing more toxic products on the market you -yes, you- are responsible for raising generations of future Multiple Chemically Sensitive Americans.

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**From:** Gonzjsfam@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2005 6:39 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** mattresses

Please do not put chemicals in mattresses, I have a hard enough time getting them out of the food, laundry detergent, school, etc. We have suffered with ADHD and eliminating chemicals has been the answer.

Thank you,

Susan Gonzalez

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**From:** Sonja Larson [adhdlarson@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2005 6:23 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** flameproofing mattresses

I would be very disheartened if a law passes to require the chemical treatment of mattresses for any purpose. My family is very chemically-sensitive and would not react well to being exposed to a chemical for 8 hours of each day. Please be aware that there are more and more people in this category. I would guess that the number of people who die or are injured from burning mattresses is far fewer than the number who are chemically-sensitive.

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**From:** jeanieg@wclynx.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2005 6:37 PM  
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**Subject:** Mattress NPR



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Dear Mr. Stevenson,

Attached is a letter that I faxed to you yesterday. I am not sure which method of delivery is faster, and I think that Monday is the last day for public comments on this issue.

Thank you for considering my input. Jeannette Grant